

This is the first of series of updates about the [West Emerson Overpass Repair Project](#). Please feel free to forward it to any who might have an interest.

The West Emerson Overpass will close to all traffic tomorrow morning beginning at 9 AM. Additionally, traffic on 15th Avenue W will be heavily impacted starting tomorrow morning at 9 AM. The specific impacts are detailed below. By Monday morning (October 13), 15th Avenue W lane restrictions will be over and traffic will begin to settle into a stable pattern. SDOT will be adjusting the timing of traffic signals within the affected area to best accommodate the flows resulting from the overpass closure, but additional travel time will be required, particularly during the peak commute hours. Uniformed police officers (UPOs) will also be stationed in the project area to help direct the flow of traffic.

Project impacts begin tomorrow, Thursday, October 9:

- At 9 AM, the West Emerson Overpass will be completely closed to all traffic for approximately 12 weeks ; vehicles will be detoured around the closed overpass using 15th Avenue W
- [Click here to view a downloadable eastbound detour map](#)
- [Click here to view a downloadable westbound detour map](#)
- Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be detoured using the [South Ship Canal Trail](#) during the 12 week closure work
- Also at 9 AM, traffic on 15th Avenue W between W Emerson and W Ruffner streets will be reduced to one lane in each direction until 3 PM

On Friday, October 10:

- Beginning at 9 AM, traffic on 15th Avenue W between W Dravus and W Emerson streets will be reduced to one lane in each direction until 3 PM
- At 9 AM, the south to west turning movement from 15th Avenue W onto the West Emerson Street will be temporarily closed. Vehicles travelling from Ballard to Magnolia will have to continue south to the W Dravus Street exit to head west. The turning movement from southbound 15th Avenue W to westbound W Emerson Street will be restored by 3 PM Friday afternoon
- At 8 PM, 15th Avenue W (separate from the overpass) between W Dravus and W Emerson streets will be closed to thru-traffic until 9 AM Saturday morning and north- and southbound vehicle traffic will be detoured to via W Emerson Street and Gilman Avenue W. [Click here to view a downloadable detour map during this nighttime weekend closure](#)
- Local access to businesses on 15th Avenue W between W Dravus and W Ruffner streets will be maintained
- King County Metro buses will be detoured to 14th Avenue W during this time. Please visit www.kingcounty.gov/alerts for more information
- AT 8 PM, the Nickerson-15th Ramp will also close until 9 AM Saturday morning
- Loud noise may be heard due to the demolition and removal of the overpass's northern girder and the structures it supports is possible during this nighttime work. Residents in the area should expect loud noises and lights for most of the night

On Saturday, October 11:

- At 9 AM, both 15th Avenue West and the Nickerson-15th Ramp will reopen to traffic
- At 8 PM, both 15th Avenue West and the Nickerson-15th Ramp will close again until 9 AM Sunday morning
- The same detour and transit reroutes will be in effect as those on Friday night, October 10

On Sunday, October 12:

- At 9 AM, both 15th Avenue W and the Nickerson-15th Ramp will reopen to traffic
- At 7 PM – if weather or other circumstances delay work during the previous nights –15th Avenue West and the Nickerson-15th Ramp will close again, to reopen no later than 6 AM Monday morning in time for the morning commute

On Monday, October 13:

- At 6 AM – if it an additional closure is necessary on Sunday night – 15th Avenue W and the Nickerson-15th Ramp will reopen at this time

The [project webpage](#) will continue to be updated and we will post photos of the demolition and girder installation next week.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we work to repair and resurface the West Emerson Overpass. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the project's outreach team using the contact information provided at the bottom of this email.

West Emerson Overpass Repair Project

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